

Sierra Vista City Council
Meeting Summary
[October 28, 2021](#)

Mayor Mueller called the October 14, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Roll Call:

Mayor Rick Mueller – present
Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Gray – present
Council Member William Benning – present
Council Member Gregory Johnson - present
Council Member Angelica Landry – present
Council Member Mark Rodriguez - present
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Adam Thrasher, Police Chief
Brian Jones, Fire Chief
Laura Wilson, Parks, Recreation and Library Director
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director
David Felix, Chief Finance Officer
Barbara Fleming, Human Resources Manager
Tony Boone, Economic Development Manager
Nathan J. Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk

Invocation – Pastor Becky Preiss, Hope and Healing Christian Church, led everyone present in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Benning moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of October 28, 2021, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

City Manager's Report: Mr. Potucek reminded everyone that City offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Thursday, November 11, 2021, which also coincides with the normal Council meeting dates; therefore, those have been moved to the next week. The Council work session is scheduled for November 16, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Council Chambers and the next Council meeting will be a special meeting held on November 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. also in the Council Chambers. The sanitation services will switch to Monday/Wednesday schedule due to Veteran's Day on Thursday, and the Tuesday/Friday schedule will remain the same for that week. He announced that there are no projects to report on and stated that the first couple

months of sales tax revenues came in at 1011% over the previous year. It seems like this trend has been consistent for a while, but it will not last forever. The City also received word that the state shared income and sales tax revenues for this current fiscal year were revised upwards via combined some \$1.5 million, which was not budgeted; therefore, this will be able to add significantly to reserves or other items with the Council's choosing in next fiscal year's budget.

Item 2 Consent

[Item 2.1](#) Discussion and Possible Action of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2021

[Item 2.2](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-071, 117 N 5th Street Pre-Annexation Agreement

Council Member Rodriguez moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2021 and Resolution 2021-071, 117 N 5th Street Pre-Annexation Agreement, be approved. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

New Business

[Item 3](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-072, Amendment to Personnel Rules and Regulations

Council Member Landry moved that Resolution 2021-072, Amendment to Personnel Rules and Regulations, be approved. Council Member Benning seconded the motion.

Council Member Johnson moved to amend the Personnel Rules and Regulations Section Five regarding the department representation on the Employee Council to one representative per department. Council Member Umphrey seconded the motion.

The motion amending Section Five of the Personnel Rules and Regulations unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

[Item 4](#) Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2021-073, Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Park, Police and Fire Development Impact Fee Funds

Council Member Umphrey moved that Resolution 2021-073, Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Park, Police and Fire Development Impact Fee Funds, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Gray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried, 7/0. Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Benning, Johnson, Landry, Rodriguez, and Umphrey voting in favor.

Call to the Public

Brent Kusama introduced himself and stated that he is running for Constable.

Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Johnson had nothing to report.

Council Member Benning announced that Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Halloween will be celebrated in the park with a costume contest from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He encouraged people to bring their kids out to have some fun at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Council Member Rodriguez wished everyone a safe Halloween, thanked the local are first responders and noted that it is First Responder's Day, and thanked the local businesses that take care of the first responders. He stated that Mr. McLachlan and Mr. Boone put on a great meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 for the West End property owners and business owners regarding the West Sierra Vista Redevelopment Area known as the WSVRA, where there was discussion about grant opportunities available to West End owners. He added that he is aware that there are some business owners who do not have a lot of contact with their property owners because the property owners live out of state, and if that is the case, they can reach out to Mr. Boone, and he will provide the slides/information that was put out. Lastly, he encouraged people to support Veterans and announced that the Veteran's Day parade is on Thursday, November 11, 2021 on Fry Boulevard at 9:00 a.m. In closing, he recognized the Be Healthy Organization out in the audience and noted that the group provides information on healthy ways and ideas.

Council Member Landry announced that the animal shelter still has the raffle wagon and encouraged people to check it out. She added that people can get a wingspan of tickets for \$20, which helps the shelter. The shelter also has the 2022 calendars available that features shelter pets of Sierra Vista for \$20, which also helps the shelter. She announced that on November 1 and 2, 2021, the Friends of the Sierra Vista Animal Shelter are hosting a dinner at Texas Roadhouse. In closing, she stated that the animal shelter is still looking for dog walkers, especially for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings. Lastly, she asked everyone to be safe on Halloween, and to remember that it is for all ages, and nobody is too old for Halloween fun.

Council Member Umphrey had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Gray recognized people in the audience.

Mayor Mueller asked people to be aware on Halloween as kids are out having fun and not thinking about safety. Therefore, drivers need to be extra careful as it gets dark because the little ghouls and goblins will be crossing the streets. He announced that Veteran's Day will start with the parade at 9:00 a.m. followed by a ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park, and hopefully there will be an overflight as well as the 21-gun salute and taps. Lastly, he announced that Council will meet on November 16, 2021 and on November 18, 2021.

Mayor Mueller adjourned the October 28, 2021 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:35 p.m.